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Honorable Board of Commissioners
Housing Authority of the
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Commissioners:

**ACCEPTANCE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR
PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 ACTION PLAN FOR THE
ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND CONTINUE ADMINISTRATION OF PRIOR
YEAR FUNDS IN ONGOING ACTIVITIES
(ALL DISTRICTS)**

SUBJECT

This letter recommends the use of \$494,465 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (Commission), and to continue administration of \$210,000 in prior year CDBG funds. The new FY 2016-2017 funds will be used for CDBG-eligible programs administered by the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (Housing Authority) and are included in the County of Los Angeles' (County) FY 2016-2017 Action Plan (Action Plan), which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on May 24, 2016. This letter relates to two other items appearing on today's agenda for the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Commissioners of the Commission.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR COMMISSION:

1. Find that the use of \$494,465 in FY 2016-2017 CDBG funds and \$210,000 in prior year CDBG funds is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not defined as a project under CEQA.

2. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to accept \$494,465 in FY 2016-2017 CDBG funds from the Commission; and to continue to administer \$210,000 in prior year CDBG funds, included in the Housing Authority's FY 2016-2017 budget through the Housing Authority's annual budget approval process, subject to final notification of approval by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (Cranston/Gonzalez Housing Act), as amended in 1992, requires that the County provide a single, consolidated submission of the proposed expenditure of funds to be eligible for HUD formula grant funding, including CDBG, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant. The Action Plan satisfies these federal requirements to provide for the release of funds.

The Action Plan identifies a total of \$494,465 in CDBG funds for two FY 2016-2017 projects to be administered by the Housing Authority. The purpose of this letter is to authorize these new funds, and to continue to administer \$210,000 in previously approved CDBG funds, for a total of \$704,465, to be included in the Housing Authority's budget. Attachment A provides a breakdown of the funds allocated to the Housing Authority by project, as well as a description of each project to be funded.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact on the County general fund. The Action Plan allocates \$494,465 in new Forty-Second Program Year (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) CDBG funds to be used in conjunction with \$210,000 in prior year CDBG funds, for a total of \$704,465, that will be included in the FY 2016-2017 Housing Authority budget approval process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On May 28, 2013, the Board of Supervisors approved the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for 2013-2018. The current FY 2015-2016 Action Plan ends on June 30, 2016, and a new plan must be adopted by the Board of Supervisors in order to receive continued funding from HUD. The Action Plan includes a description of the activities to be undertaken during FY 2016-2017 to address the objectives of the Consolidated Plan's five-year strategy. The new Housing Authority projects included in the Action Plan are identified in Attachment A.

All of the projects proposed in the Action Plan will be Federally-funded. As applicable, the administering agencies will be subject to the prevailing wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act, and related Acts, and Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968, as amended, which requires that employment and other

economic opportunities generated by certain HUD assistance be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly to persons who are recipients of HUD housing assistance. However, where Section 3 is not applicable, the agencies will be subject to the County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program and General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Program, which furthers the same or similar goals.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The acceptance of the Forty-Second Program Year CDBG funds from the Commission is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58, Section 58.34 (a)(3), because it is an administrative action and does not involve activities that will alter existing environmental conditions. The action is not subject to the provisions of CEQA, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(3) and 15378, because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

Each program within the Action Plan will be reviewed for environmental impact on a project-by-project basis before funding is released.

IMPACT ON CURRENT PROJECTS

The projects contained in the Action Plan will benefit low- and moderate-income residents of the unincorporated County and participating cities.

Respectfully submitted,



SEAN ROGAN
Executive Director

Attachment

ATTACHMENT A

HOUSING AUTHORITY PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

Project Title (District)	Project Description	Carry Over Amount
	CONTINUING PROJECTS	
Nueva Maravilla Senior Public Housing Interior Unit Flooring (1)	Provides for the replacement of the deteriorated unit flooring at the Nueva Maravilla senior housing development with new flooring such as tile, carpet, and sheet vinyl. The project will also procure a vendor as needed to move furniture for the residents during the floor replacement process.	\$90,000
Sundance Vista Site Improvements (4)	Provides site improvements including upgrade of all common area lighting to new energy efficient lighting; repair of exterior stairs and replacement of protective water proof coatings; and installation of sewage clean outs in all buildings.	\$40,000
Quartz Hills I and II Kitchen and Lighting Improvements (5)	Provides kitchen rehabilitation and new lighting.	\$80,000
	TOTAL CONTINUING PROJECTS	\$210,000

Project Title (District)	Project Description	Amount
	NEW PROJECTS	
Ujima Village Disposition (2)	Temporarily maintains the vacant and demolished Ujima Village housing development, pending disposition of the property to the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation.	\$200,000
Carmelitos Public Housing Development Kitchen Rehabilitation Phase I (4)	Provides for the remodeling of kitchens at 275 housing units at the Carmelitos Family Public Housing Development site. The rehabilitation work includes installing new cabinets, countertops, and wall painting as necessary.	\$294,465
	TOTAL NEW PROJECTS:	\$494,465
	GRAND TOTAL	\$704,465